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Briefe discourse of the
merueylous victorie gotten
by the King of Nauarre, against
those of the holy League, on the
twentieth of October.

1587.

Both in English, and in French
as it was printed in Fraunce.

Whereunto is added as soone as it
came to my hand since the first Im-
pression, The true copie of a Let-
ter sent by the King of Nauarre to
his Secretary at Rochil, as wel in con-
firmation of the victorie against the
Duke Ioyeuse, as also the ouer-
throw that the Switzers
gave to the Duke
of Guise.



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The King of Nauarre
took his way toward
his Armie , being
straungers , by the
borders of those pro-
vinces which fauou-
red him most ; and to
this purpose, he was to passe the riuers
of Drougne, and Lile.

The Duke of Ioyeuse had in
charge to hinder the abovesaid passages,
notwithstanding all daungers that
might ensue, thinking, that having o-
uerthowne the king of Nauarre, by
all likelihoods of reason, the armie that
was come out of Germanie , and from
other places to his aide , should not be
able to doo any good.

The King of Nauarre, accompa-

nied with the Prince of Conde, and the Earle of Soyslon, determined resolutely to passe the said riuers. But the Duke of Ioyeuse opposed himselfe to hinder them, being strong, and having a great number of horse-men with him, which the King of Fraunce had sent him.

The Duke of Ioyeuse tooke vp his lodging at Barbezieux, and afterward at Chalais: The King of Nauarre tooke his vp at Archiac: and afterward at Monlieu, and the nearest places thereunto: both parties having fully determined to get the passage of the river of Drougne, and especially the lodging of Coutras, whereas most conueniently they might passe.

There passed manie occasions of fighting by the way, and the King of Nauarre, according to his wonted diligence got the lodging called Coutras vpon Drougne, an houre before the Duke Ioyeuse could coms: Who had alreadie sent certaine light horse-men to take the place, who at the comming of the King left it. This was on Monday in the evening, being the nyghtenth of October.

On Tuesday next following betimes in the morning the Duke of Loyeuse marched forward and encamped himself betweene the Roch Chalais & Coutras, with all his armie; and pointed to fight his field halfe a league from Coutras, with the most vantage that might be.

The king of Nauar on the other side of Coutras, goeth and setteth his men forward in battaile ray, causeth his ordinance to passe the riuer, the which the euening before he could not do, and caused them to be brought before him, and determined with all his men to bee readie to fight, whom hee found verie willing and forward. He caused euerie companie first to enter into prayer to almighty God.

He appointed his armie in such sort, that all his ordinance might do him seruice without hurting any of his owne men.

In so much that indeede his ordinance did that which was done to great good purpose, þ Marchebuses did þ like, so that there was not any one part of his armie, but that got great benefit of

victorie. And yet the king (by the iudgement of men) had the chieffest victorie of all.

So that about eight of the clocke the ordinance beganne to play , and before nine of the clocke they came to handy strokcs. The battaile was quickly ended (being a thing most straunge by meanes of the great differencethat was in the multitudes of the Duke Ioyeuse his men) so that at ten of the clock there was not one man amongst the enimies that did fight . Although that in this most notable overthrow as yet there appeareth not aboue twentie men lost on the King of Nauars side , nor anie man of calling, or that had any gouernment vnder him.

The King of Nauarre was so forward that grasping with the enemie endaugered himselfe greatly . The Prince of Conde had his horse slaine vnder him . The Earle of Soisson tooke with his swne hand diuers prisoners . The Ls;d of Turennes horse was slaine vnder him .

God who had appointed the successe of the battaile , gave the victorie to the King

King of Nauarre, in the which þ Duke Joyce was slaine. All his chiese men were either slaine or taken, except the Lord of Lauerdin, of whom as yet they know not what is become. Many auncients and standards were taken, and amongst them the chiese standard of al. The footemen all slaine. The ordinance taken. The carriage lost. About thre hours after the battaile was done, being returned to the place where the battaile was fought: they rendred great thankes unto God. They buried the dead. They burned the lodgings of the enemy. And they did all other things that might beseeme such a notable victorie. God of his goodnes graunt that in like sort it may continue to the benefite of this Realme.

The King of Nauarre notwithstanding his good successe seeketh to win his aduersaries by his great curteisie, having entreated his prisoners and such as were wounded in such sort, as that they haue great cause to acknowledge and confess that he loueth France and Frenchmen, and knowlmeth well how to discerne those that are of the League.

being enemies of the countrey, as he
would doe if he could, even in the midst
of the greatest force of the battaile.

The names of such as were slaine.

Monsieur de Ioyeuse.

Monsieur de Sainct Sauveur **his brother.**

Monsieur de la Roche du Maine **the yonger.**

Monsieur le Comte de la Suze.

Monsieur de Famel.

Monsieur de Roussay **the yongest de Piennes**
guidon de Monsieur de Ioyeuse.

Monsieur de Nenfuy de perigort **the elder.**

Monsieur le Comte de Gouallo.

Monsieur le Comte Daubijou.

Le Sieur de Coullons **brother to the Comte**
de la Suze.

Le Sieur de Brize **the bearer of the Cornette**
blanche.

Le fils du Sieur de Rochefort Croyzette.

Le Sieur de Guzacq. Cornette de Maumont.

Le Sieur du Bourdet de Xaintonge **standard**
bearer of Sainct Luc.

Le Sieur de Vaux Lieutenant dela compagnie
de Monsieur de Belle-garde.

Lenseigne du Sieur de Montigni.

Tarcelin Maistre de Camp.

Le Chesnel **his chefe Capitaine.**

La Vallade **one of his Captaines.**

Le Capitaine Boculaud.

Le Jeune Campelz qui portoit vn drapeau.

Le Sieur de Pleuiaule.

Le Sieur de Gainct Fort guidon de Sainct Luc.

Le Baron de Theunes.

La Brangere. All these were men that had
charge vnder them.

**Prisoners taken, and some of them
wounded.**

Monsieur de Belle-garde taken and hurt.

Monsieur de Sainct Luc.

Monsieur de Sansac.

Monsieur de Gypierre.

Monsieur le Marquis de Piennes.

Monsieur de Gautrel,

Monsieur de Montigny Capitaine de la Porte.

Monsieur de Ville-comblia Lieutenant de
Monsieur de Souuray.

Monsieur de Chasteurenard guidon du Sieur
de Sansac.

Monsieur de Mouuent Captaine of the light
horsemen.

Monsieur le Comte de Monsoréau taken
and hurt.

Monsieur de la Patriete guidon de Monsieur
Lauerdin.

Monsieur de Chasteau-meux.

Monsieur de Chastelu.

Monsieur de Lauuerdiere guidon de Monsieur
de la Suze. All these had charge vnder them.

Le Sieur de Breil-baudet. And there are a
great many Gentlemen wanting, and as
yet not knowne.

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Discours, sommaire de la Miraculeuse victoire, obtenue par le Roy de Nauarre, contre ceux de la Ligue, le vingtiesme d'Octobre.

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Le Roy de Nauarre prenoit son chemin vers son armée estrangere par l'abord des Prouvinces qui luy sont fautables, & pour cest effect auoit à passer les riuières de Drougne, & de l'Isle.

Monsier de Ioyeuse auoit charge de luy empêcher ce passage à quelque peril que ce feust, pensant que luy desfaict par vne raisonnable consequence, l'armée estrangere ne pourroit subsister.

Le dict Sieur Roy, assisté de Messeigneurs le Prince de Conde, Comte de Soyslon, se résoult de passer. Ledit Sieur de Ioyeuse de l'empêcher, renforcé de plusieurs compagnies de gens-d'armes, que le Roy luy auoit envoynées.

Le dict Sieur de Ioyeuse prend son logis à Barbezieux de puis à Chalays. Le Roy de Nauarre à Archiac. Et puis à Monlieu, & lieux prochains, resoluz tous deux de gaigner le passage de la Drougne, & sur tout le logis de Coutras

Coutras ou elle se pouuoit plus commode-
ment passer.

Il se passa des occasions de combat sur le
chemin. Aussi le Roy par sa diligence accou-
stumee gaigna le logis de Coutras sur Drou-
gne, vne heure premier que ledit Seigneur de
Ioyeuse y peult arriuer. Qui auoit des ja en-
uoyé quelque cheuaux legers pour le prendre,
qui le quitterent à l'arriuée dudit Sieur Roy.
C estoit le Lundy au soir dix-nieufiesme Octo-
bre.

Le Mardy ensuiuant de grand matin Mon-
sieur de Ioyeuses se rend entre la Roche Châ-
lays & Coutras, avec son armée. Et prend la
place de Battaile à demye lieue de Coutras, au
lieu le plus aduantageux qu'il peult.

Le Roy de Nauarre de son costé part de
Coutras, & luy va au deuant, met son armée
en bataille. Faict passer la riuiere son canon,
qu'il le soir pardeuant ne lauoit peu passer. Et le
faict mener à sa teste. Resoult tous les siens à ce
combat, qu'il trouua pleins dardeur & deuo-
tion. Faict faire la priere à Dieu de troupe en
troupe.

Dispose au reste son armée en telle sorte, que
toutes les pieces seruient, & pouuoyent faire
leur effort, sans incommoder ni les vns, ni les
autres des siens.

Comme de faict son artillerie joua fort à
propos, l'arquebouserie de mesme, & ny heut
partie de son armée qui n'eust notable part de
la victoire. Bien que certes sa Majesté (au juge-
ment de tous) heust la principalle.

Tant

Tant y a que sur les huit heures l'artillerie commença à jouer, & auant neuf heures on vint aux mains. Fut la bataille si tost décidee. (Chose estrange en legalite de toutes forces, qu'a dix heures il ny auoit homme de l'ennemi qui rendist combat, mesme qui feust en veue, Sans toutes-fois qu'il se soyt perdu en vne si notable des-faicté (qui paroisse encore) vingt hommes soyt de pied, soyt de Cheual du costé dudit Sieur Roy de Nauarre, ny mesme pas vn de marque, ou homme de commandement.

Le Roy de Nauarre est venu aux mains jusques à Colleter. Monsieur le Prince, son Cheual tué, Monsieur le Prince de Soyslons à faict des prisonniers de sa main, Monsieur de Turene son cheual tué.

Dieu qui à ordonné l'issue des Batailles, donné la victoire au prince, en laquelle Monsieur de Joyeuse à esté tué. Tous les chefz ou mortz ou prins, reserué le Sieur de Lauerdin, qu'on ne scait encores qu'il est deuenu. Les inseignes & cornettes prises, mesmes la generalle. L'infanterie toute des-faicté, Le canon prins, Le Bagage perdu. La victoire suyuie trois heures ou plus. L'action de grace faicté à Dieu au retour au champ de la Bataille. Les mortz enterrez. Les logis de l'ennemi bruslez. Et tout ce en somme qui peu appartenir aux circonstances d'une signale victoire, Que Dieu luy doint poursuyure au bien & estat de ce Royaume.

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encores en courtoysie, ayant tellement traicté les prisonniers, & les blessez qu'ils ont tous dequoy cognoistre, qu'il ayme la France & les Françoy, & les scayt bien discernet dauec ceulx de la Ligue ennemis de l'estat, comme feroit s'il pouuoit dans le sort des armes.

M O R T S.

- Monsieur de Joyeuse.
 Monsieur de Saint Sauveur son frere.
 Monsieur de la Roche du Maine le Jeune.
 Monsieur le Comte de la Suze.
 Monsieur de Fumel.
 Monsieur de Roussay puisné de Piennes gen
den de Monsieur de Joyeuse.
 Monsieur de Nenfuy de perigort laissacé.
 Monsieur le Comte de Gouallo.
 Monsieur le Comte Daubisou.
 Le Sieur de Coullons frere du Comte de la
Suze.
 Le Sieur de Brize qui portoit la Coraette
blanche.
 e fils du Sieur de Rochefort Croyzette.
 Le Sieur de Guzacq. Cottier de Maumont.
 Le Sieur du Bourdet de Zaintonge enseigne
de Saint Iut.
 e Sieur de Vaux Lieutenant de la compa
gnie de Monsieur de Belle-garde.
 Enseigne du Sieur de Moutighi.
 Farcelin Maistre de Camp.
 Le Chesnel son premier Capitaine.
 a Vallade l'va de ses Capitaines.

Le Capitaine Boculaud.

Le Ieune Campelz qui portoit vn drapeau.

Le Sieur de Pleuiault.

Le Sieur de Sajnet Fort guidon de Saint Luc.

Le Baron de Theunes.

La Brangere, Tous ayans charge en l'armée.

Prisonniers & Blessés.

Monsieur de Belle-garde pris & blessé.

Monsieur de Saint Luc.

Monsieur de Sansac.

Monsieur de Cypierre.

Monsieur le Marquis de Piennes.

Monsieur de Gautrel.

Monsieur de Montigny Capitaine de la Porte

Monsieur de Ville-comblin Lieutenant de

Monsieur de Souuray.

**Monsieur de Chasteaurenard guidon du Sieu
de Sansac.**

**Monsieur de Mouuent Capitaine de cheuaux
legers.**

**Monsieur le Comte de Monsoreau pris &
blessé.**

**Monsieur de la Pattiere guidon de Monsieu
Lauerdin.**

Monsieur de Chasteau-meux.

Monsieur de Chastelu.

**Monsieur de Lauverdier guidon de Monsieu
de la Suze, tous ayans charge.**

**Le Sieur de Brœil-baudet. Et plusieurs autre
gentils-hommes non encor recognus.**

The true copie of a Letter
 written and sent by the most excell-
 ent King of Nauarre , to his Secre-
 tarie of estate , Monsieur de la
 Marcilliare after the battel
 lately had at Cow-
 trace.



Arcilliare I di-
 spatch Pomenia
 unto you , to let
 the maisters of
 Rochel to vnder-
 stand of the hap-
 pie & absolute vic-
 torie which God
 hath given me , in the which battell
 the generall of the enimies armie is
 slaine , and with him almost all the
 Cheftains and Capteins are likewise
 either slaine or taken . The great Or-
 dinance , Artillerie , Cornets and En-
 signes , both of horsmen and footemen
 are taken , with a generall dissipation
 of the whole Armie , for the which it is
 duetifull that in publike and priuate
 sorte , wee render thankes to almighty

tis

He God I pray you further the present supply: for we must goe to mete our Rovtours, who for their part haue giuen an ouerthrow to some part of the Duke of Gwyse his armie, whith now dareth not scarsly to shew hymselfe any more before them, but keepeth hym selfe aloofe in the backe of the forces, to give the looking on. You shall also haue an eye to the performance of my orders and commandements, and to that which may concerne my affaires. And so I pray God to keepe you in his safegarde.

From Courtray this xiij. of Octo-
ber. 1587.

Your most louing M,

Henry.

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